

Part 3

Licensing

58-54-301 License required.

- (1) An individual may not engage in the practice of radiologic technology or the practice of a radiologist assistant unless licensed or exempted from licensure under this chapter.
- (2) The division shall issue to persons qualified under this chapter a license in the classification of radiologic technologist, radiologist assistant, or radiology practical technician.
- (3)
 - (a) A license shall be issued without regard to any area of practice specialty as a radiologic technologist.
 - (b) A license for a radiology practical technician may be issued certifying the practical technician for a specialty type or limited practice.

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58-54-302 Requirements for licensure.

- (1) Each applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist, radiology assistant, or radiology practical technician shall:
 - (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division in collaboration with the board;
 - (b) pay a fee as determined by the department pursuant to Section 63J-1-504; and
 - (c) be of good moral character.
- (2) Each applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist shall, in addition to the requirements of Subsection (1):
 - (a) be a graduate of an accredited educational program in radiologic technology or certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or any equivalent educational program approved by the division in collaboration with the board; and
 - (b) have passed an examination approved by the division in collaboration with the board.
- (3) Each applicant for licensure as a radiology practical technician shall, in addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), have passed a basic examination and one or more specialty examinations that are competency based, using a task analysis of the scope of practice of radiology practical technicians in the state. The basic examination and the specialty examination shall be approved by the division in collaboration with the board and the licensing board of the profession within which the radiology practical technician will be practicing.
- (4) The division shall provide for administration of the radiology practical technician examination not less than monthly at offices designated by the division and located:
 - (a) in Salt Lake City; and
 - (b) within each local health department jurisdictional area.
- (5)
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), each applicant for licensure as a radiologist assistant shall:
 - (i) meet the requirements of Subsections (1) and (2);
 - (ii) have a Bachelor of Science degree; and
 - (iii) be certified as:
 - (A) a radiologist assistant by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; or
 - (B) a radiology practitioner assistant by the Certification Board of Radiology Practitioner Assistants.

- (b) An individual who meets the requirements of Subsections (5)(a)(i) and (iii), but not Subsection (5)(a)(ii), may be licensed as a radiologist assistant under this chapter until May 31, 2013, at which time, the individual must have completed the Bachelor of Science degree in order to retain the license of radiologist assistant.

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58-54-303 Supervision and prescription required.

The practice of radiologic technology by a radiologic technologist licensed under this chapter shall be under the general supervision of a radiologist or radiology practitioner and may be performed only upon the order of a radiologist or radiology practitioner acting within the scope of the radiologist's or radiology practitioner's license and experience within the scope of practice of a radiology practitioner.

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58-54-304 Scope of practice for radiologist assistant.

- (1) The scope of practice for a radiologist assistant includes:
 - (a) determination of whether a patient has been appropriately prepared for the radiologic procedure;
 - (b) assessment and evaluation of the physiologic responsiveness of a patient undergoing a radiologic procedure;
 - (c) assessment and evaluation of possible contraindications to a procedure;
 - (d) obtaining informed consent from the patient as specified by a Delegation of Services Agreement between the radiologic assistant and the supervising radiologist in accordance with Subsection (2);
 - (e) evaluation of image quality and communication of initial image observations only to the supervising radiologist;
 - (f) administration of contrast media or other medications prescribed by the supervising radiologist;
 - (g) performance of radiologic procedures under the indirect supervision of a radiologist; and
 - (h) performance of radiologic procedures under the general supervision of a radiologist only if:
 - (i) the radiologist assistant is practicing in a critical access hospital; and
 - (ii) the supervising radiologist has the necessary privileges for the procedure to be performed by the radiologist assistant.
- (2) The radiologist assistant and supervising radiologist shall enter into a Delegation of Services Agreement identifying radiologic procedures to be performed by the radiologist assistant and establishing a regular review process by the supervising radiologist for all work performed by and records kept by the radiologist assistant. The Delegation of Services Agreement shall:
 - (a) be kept at the place of practice at which the radiologist assistant is performing delegated services; and
 - (b) be consistent with radiologist assistant practice guidelines developed by the American College of Radiology, as supplemented by recognized radiology organizations such as the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.
- (3) The radiologist assistant shall not interpret images, provide diagnosis, or prescribe medications or therapies.

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58-54-305 Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.

- (1) Each license issued under this chapter shall be issued in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule. A renewal period may be extended or shortened by as much as one year to maintain established renewal cycles or to change an established renewal cycle.
- (2) At the time of renewal, licensees shall show satisfactory evidence of each of the following renewal requirements:
 - (a) 24 hours of approved professional education during a two-year period, as defined by administrative rule, before renewal of a radiologic technologist license;
 - (b) 10 hours of approved professional education during a two-year period, as defined by administrative rule, before renewal of a radiology practical technician license; and
 - (c) 50 hours of approved professional education during a two-year period, as defined by administrative rule, before renewal of a radiologist assistant license.
- (3) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless renewed by the licensee in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

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58-54-306 Exemption from licensure.

A person may engage in the practice of radiologic technology without being licensed under this chapter if:

- (1)
 - (a) the person is filling a new or existing position as an employee performing the duties of a radiology practical technician when a licensed radiology practical technician is not available to begin in the new position or continue filling the existing position;
 - (b) the total period in which the position is filled by the unlicensed person is not more than 90 days;
 - (c) the unlicensed person at all times performs services as a radiology practical technician under the direct on-premises supervision of a radiology practitioner; and
 - (d) the employee position filled by an unlicensed person under this section is an existing position and was filled by a person licensed under this chapter immediately prior to employment of the unlicensed person;
- (2) the person:
 - (a) performs services in a dental facility under the supervision of a dentist licensed to practice in this state; and
 - (b) has completed a radiology course approved by the Dentists and Dental Hygienists Board created under Section 58-69-201; or
- (3) the person:
 - (a) performs services in a medical facility under the supervision of a podiatric physician licensed to practice in this state; and
 - (b) has completed a radiology course approved by the Podiatric Physician Board created under Section 58-5a-201.

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